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**COMCAST DONATES \$10,000 TO DCS CHRISTMAS DRIVE
Contribution Makes "Santa for All Seasons" Possible for More Children**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Children's Services has received a \$10,000 donation from Comcast to support its "Santa for All Seasons" initiative. The Department has received an outpouring of support from the community at large in response to its drive to fulfill the holiday wishes of children in foster care during the holiday season. While the Davidson County DCS regional office has received contributions of new toys and clothing from the Middle Tennessee community, the contribution from Comcast will help ensure that even more children have gifts this Christmas.

"Comcast has always considered itself a good corporate community citizen. Our emphasis has always been about trying to give back to the community, especially to children. When we heard the message about DCS and the children there, we knew we had to get involved," said Virgil Caudill, Comcast area vice president and general manager. "It's part of our overall efforts to help children and improve their lives."

The Department's Davidson County office has worked to ensure that approximately 1,100 children in area foster care receive gifts this Christmas. Many of those children in need are teenagers, an age group sometimes forgotten during such holiday drives, when the focus tends to highlight younger children. Two weeks ago, approximately 400 children – many of them teen-agers - still needed sponsors, but with Comcast's generous donation, the Davidson County office will be able to meet its goal to accommodate all designated children this year.

"Their contribution to the Santa for All Seasons fund is the largest single contribution that we've ever received," said Tim Bohan, team coordinator for the Davidson County DCS regional office. "Certainly this will go toward making this the best Christmas for children in foster care ever."

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services was established to provide the best possible care for children and youth who are in state custody, or at significant risk of entering custody, and their families. Services provided by DCS include child protective services, foster care, adoption, programs for delinquent youth, probation/aftercare, and treatment and rehabilitation programs for identified youth.

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